IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

CHARLES EUGENE MOORE,	
AIS #297332,)
Plaintiff,	
v.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:19-CV-744-ECM
CHERYL PRICE, et al.,)))
Defendants.	

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Charles Eugene Moore, a state inmate, filed this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 case challenging conditions at Kilby Correctional Facility from July of 2019 until October of 2019. Doc. 10 at 2–3. Moore did not submit the \$350 filing fee or \$50 administrative fee upon the initiating this case and, instead, filed a document seeking leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* before this court. Doc. 2. In support of his request, Moore provided financial information necessary to determine the average monthly balance in his inmate account for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of this complaint and the average monthly deposits to his inmate account during the past six months.

After review of the financial information provided by Moore and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1)(A), the court determined that Moore owed an initial partial filing fee of \$11.51. Doc. 3 at 1–2. Based on the foregoing, the court ordered that Moore pay the initial partial filing fee on or before November 15, 2019. Doc. 3 at 2. In addition, this order specifically informed Moore "that it is his responsibility to submit the appropriate paperwork to the prison account clerk for transmission of such funds to this court for

payment of the initial partial filing fee." Doc. 3 at 2. The order also "advised [Moore] that if he is unable to procure the initial partial filing fee within the time allowed by this court he must inform the court of such inability and request an extension of time within which to file the fee." Doc. 3 at 3. Moreover, the court specifically cautioned Moore that failure to pay the requisite fee within the time allowed by the court would result in a Recommendation "that this case be dismissed and such dismissal will not be reconsidered unless exceptional circumstances exist." Doc. 3 at 3. Subsequently, the court granted Moore an extension until January 28, 2020 to pay the initial partial filing fee. Doc. 14.

As of the present date, Moore has failed to pay the initial partial filing fee within the time prescribed by the court. The undersigned therefore concludes that this case is due to be dismissed without prejudice. *See Moon v. Newsome*, 863 F.2d 835, 837 (11th Cir. 1989) (holding that, generally, where a litigant has been forewarned dismissal for failure to obey a court order is not an abuse of discretion). The authority of courts to impose sanctions for failure to prosecute or obey an order is longstanding and acknowledged by Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *See Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 629–30 (1962). This authority empowers the courts "to manage their own affairs so as to achieve the orderly and expeditious disposition of cases." *Id.* at 630–31; *Mingo v. Sugar Cane Growers Co-Op of Fla.*, 864 F.2d 101, 102 (11th Cir. 1989) (holding that "[t]he district court possesses the inherent power to police its docket."). "The sanctions imposed [upon dilatory litigants] can range from a simple reprimand to an order dismissing the action with or without prejudice." *Id.*

Accordingly, it is the RECOMMENDATION of the Magistrate Judge that this case

be dismissed without prejudice for failure of the plaintiff to pay the initial partial filing fee

in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1)(A) as ordered by this court.

On or before March 4, 2020 the parties may file objections to the Recommendation.

A party must specifically identify the factual findings and legal conclusions in the

Recommendation to which the objection is made. Frivolous, conclusive, or general

objections to the Recommendation will not be considered.

Failure to file written objections to the proposed factual findings and legal

conclusions set forth in the Recommendations of the Magistrate Judge shall bar a party

from a de novo determination by the District Court of these factual findings and legal

conclusions and shall "waive the right to challenge on appeal the District Court's order

based on unobjected-to factual and legal conclusions" except upon grounds of plain error

if necessary in the interests of justice. 11TH Cir. R. 3-1; see Resolution Trust Co. v.

Hallmark Builders, Inc., 996 F.2d 1144, 1149 (11th Cir. 1993) ("When the magistrate

provides such notice and a party still fails to object to the findings of fact [and law] and

those findings are adopted by the district court the party may not challenge them on appeal

in the absence of plain error or manifest injustice."); Henley v. Johnson, 885 F.2d 790, 794

(11th Cir. 1989).

Done, on this the 19th day of February, 2020.

/s/ Susan Russ Walker

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United States Magistrate Judge

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